(b) The State Government of Karnataka has proposed raising of F.R.L. from 512.2 metres in Stage-I to 524.256 metres in Upper Krishna Project Stage II, the Detailed Project Report of which has been received in the Central Water Commission in April, 1996.

(c) No decision has been taken in this regard.

PM's Visit to G-15 Summit

1527. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES :
SHRI VIJAY GOEL :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ministry had rented an Air India plane to fly the Prime Minister and his party to Harare for the G-15 meeting and back;

(b) if so, on what terms;

(c) the circumstances in which the Prime Minister's family members were permitted to fly in this aircraft and the charges that were levied for their travel to and fro Harare;

(d) whether the Ministry or the Indian Embassy in Harare made arrangements for the Prime Minister's family members to visit the Sun City in South Africa; and

(e) if so, at what cost and who has borned these costs?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) An Air India aircraft was chartered by the Government for the travel of the Prime Minister and members of his delegation to Harare for the Sixth G-15 Summit.

(b) The aircraft was chartered from Air India as per the charter terms of the airline.

(c) The members of the Prime Minister's family travelled on this aircraft in conformity with past practice.

(d) The High Commission of India, Harare, assisted in making arrangements for the visit of the Prime Minister's family members.

(e) Expenses of members of the Prime Minister's family other than Smt. Channamma Deve Gowda, were settled by the persons concerned directly.

[Translation]

Navodaya Vidyalayas in Uttar Pradesh

1528. SHRI GANGA CHARAN RAJPUT : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Navodaya Vidyalayas functioning in backward areas of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up new Navodaya Vidyalayas in Hamirpur, Jalaun, Lalitpur and Jhansi;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the percentage of literacy in Bundelkhand region;

(e) whether the Government propose to provide the benefit of reservation to Bundelkhand by declaring it an educationally backward area like Uttarakhand; and

(f) the measures being taken by the Government for the development of educational facilities in Bundelkhand area?

Question No. 1528 pertains to State under President Rule.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) So far 46 Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas have been sanctioned in Uttar Pradesh, one for each district.

(b) and (c). Novodaya Vidyalayas have already been sanctioned in the districts of Hamirpur, Lalitpur and Jhansi. No suitable proposal for opening of Navodaya Vidyalaya in Distt. Jalaun, as per norms of the Samiti has been received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

(d) to (f). In all the four Distt. viz. Hamirpur, Jalaun, Lalitpur and Jhansi, Total Literacy Campaigns have been launched to cover the illiterate population in the age group of 15-35. The Campaigns are in progress and hence it is not possible to give the actual number of persons made literate.

11.14 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock on Tuesday, December 3, 1996/Agrahayana 12, 1918 (Saka).